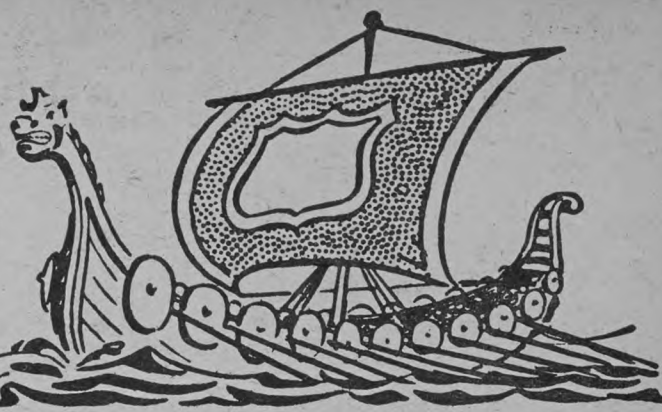




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'Swingin' Scandinavians' "SCANDAPADES '71"

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SOUTHGATE LARGEST

Edmonton's Southgate shopping Centre is the largest centre in Canada west of Toronto. The Cockney Kids at Southgate feature Icelandic cod in their fish and chips.

Viking Town Celebrates Its 1100th Anniversary in 1971

Norway's oldest town, Tonsberg, with a population of 15,000, will celebrate its 1100th anniversary throughout 1971, according to Scandinavian Airlines' headquarters in Montreal. It was founded in 871 and is situated on the Oslo fjord, 64 miles south of the Norwegian capital.

WARDAIR CHARTER FLIGHTS TO CONTINUE

Wardair Canada Ltd. charter flights have not been cancelled by the Canadian Transport Commission as the result of an order adding new conditions to Wardair's international charter licence.

The commission said it is making this clear in response to a number of inquiries about the effect of the order issued in January.

The commission has told Wardair it must produce performance bonds covering the total fare value of all its overseas flights by Feb. 15. If the airline does not do this, its licence to operate overseas charters will be suspended.

Max Ward has until Feb. 5 to appeal the order, and he has indicated he will do this direct to Transport Minister Don Jamieson. If the appeal is unsuccessful, he will take the matter to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Federal regulations covering charter operations stipulate that passengers' fares must be placed in a trust account, and that none of the money can be removed by the airline before flight departure.

Once the passengers have been taken to their primary destination, 50% of the money can be removed. The other 50% can be taken out once the passengers have been returned home.

Wardair, operating out of Edmonton, is Canada's largest charter airline.

George Curley, a vice-president of marketing for Wardair, said a shortfall in funds is common among airline companies.

"Other carriers are not required to keep 100% of prepayments on reserve," Mr. Curley said. "We object on principle to being discriminated against in this matter."

Mr. Curley added that Air Canada and CP Air are not similarly restricted.

"We don't plan any changes in our operation. We will go to the Supreme Court if necessary to fight for this principle. If we are ultimately forced to comply we will pay the bond and carry on business as usual."

"SALUTE TO OUR FOREFATHERS"

Returning Performer

By Shirley Thorvaldson



SOLLI SIGURDSON

Co-ordinator



MARGARET CAMERON

February 27th is the big evening for people of Scandinavian descent to gather from near and far at the Jubilee Auditorium. Scandapades rings-up the curtain for the annual variety show at 8:00 p.m.

The five ethnic groups are meeting every Sunday at the Scandinavian Centre to practice their segments for the first act of the program. The groups are presenting scenes to depict a holiday, a cultural event or their countries' way of life in the last century. As the curtain rises on the second act we will see the Scandinavian in Canada being entertained. A fast-paced second half of music, dancing and singing concludes the show.

Scandinavian pastry and coffee will be available on the lower floor following the program.

Music for 'Salute to our Forefathers' and for dancing will be provided by Edwin Erickson's orchestra from Drayton Valley.

This year the display cases containing many interesting articles from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden will be in the main lobby, so, do look for them.

Kurt Sorensen is again responsible

Ticket Sales



KURT SORENSEN

for ticket sales and tickets were distributed early in January. Get your tickets in advance from Mike's News Agency, the Scandinavian Centre or from one of the five ethnic presidents:

Danish — Claus Jacobsen 489-1494
Finnish — Sirkka Ristola 476-3483
Icelandic — Earl Valgardson 434-6794.

Norwegian — Stan Hafso 433-1825
Swedish — Lennart Petersson 469-0259

Tickets are available at the box office of the Jubilee Auditorium the evening of Scandapades.

Some entertainers will perform early in the evening of February 18th at Bonnie Doon, Southgate, Westmount and Northgate Shopping Centres to publicize Scandapades.

Join the Swinging Scandinavians for Scandapades '71!

Director



JACK MCCREATH

Shareholder Robbed

By Vera Nielsen

Mr. Axel Anderson and his wife, Marie, operating a Hardware Store at 9574 - 118 Avenue, Edmonton, were the unfortunate victims in a holdup with violence recently.

Mr. Anderson had sold a young, well dressed man a couple of bolts and went to the till for change, when he was attacked from behind, receiving several pellets in his head from an air pistol. Mr. Anderson ran for some object to use in defense, when he fell, after which he received several blows and cuts on his head.

When Mrs. Anderson came out

from their living quarters to investigate the commotion, she was attacked by the culprit and received several cuts to her head. Both Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were taken to hospital by ambulance.

Mr. Anderson has run the store for 20 years and never had anything like this happen before. We hope they both will be up and around very soon, and not receive any lasting damage as a result.

World Convention In Oslo For Country Women

About 1100 country women from all over the world will gather in Oslo, Norway, from August 10 through 20, 1971, according to Scandinavian Airlines' Tour Department in Montreal.

Norway Rejects

The Norwegian Parliament in Oslo rejected by a vote of 72-70 an opposition Labor party proposal that Norway recognize and establish diplomatic relations with North Vietnam.

SPLINTERS from the BOARD

By Gunnar Thorvaldson

SCANDAPADES —

In the week prior to Scandapades there will be entertainment by Scandinavian performers at four of Edmonton's shopping centres: Bonnie Doon, Northgate, Southgate and Westmount.

Tickets are available from the presidents of each ethnic group, at Mike's News Agency and by mail from Mrs. Edna Smith at the Scandinavian Centre, 14220 - 125 Ave. Adults \$2.50, and under 16 \$1.00. Make your plans now to attend Scandapades.

Shirley Thorvaldson is looking after publicity and has arranged for interviews on some of our local TV shows. Watch the following programs the week of Scandapades — 'Here's Jo', 'Morning Magazine' and the 'Tommy Banks Show'.

FLIGHTS

We have had an upsurge in applications for the charter flights and it appears certain now that all three flights will go. Last month, we thought it would be necessary to combine the Oslo and Stockholm charters but this is not necessary now because of the good support.

Group flights are being planned for next fall. One will be to the Grey Cup game in Vancouver, also Christmas flights to Scandinavia and, because of the interest in Hawaii in winter, we may arrange to take part in a flight there.

RADIO REPORT

Listen to The Scandinavian Show on Radio Station CFCW every Saturday morning at 10:30 — 790 kc on your AM dial. The Scandinavian Centre Report is broadcast on this program at approximately 11:25 a.m.

Gunnar Thorvaldson will be giving

RADIO REPORTER



GUNNAR THORVALDSON

the report in February. If you have something of interest for the broadcast, give Gunnar a call at 466-1570.

The report during March will be given by Margaret Cameron.

The Halberg's 25th Wedding Anniversary

Fred and Ellen Halberg celebrated their Silver Wedding anniversary on the 10th of January. They were married at Arnhem, Holland, in 1946 where they met.

Fred Halberg was stationed at Arnhem and their first meeting took place in a canteen for soldiers where Ellen soundly beat him at ping pong.

Fred returned to Canada shortly after the ceremony, with other soldiers being sent home, and Ellen followed him in the summer of '46.

They set up housekeeping and a

year and a half later a daughter was born to keep them busy. They have been busy ever since. They live at 13336 — 117 St., Edmonton, and now have five children ranging in age from 23 to 10 years, plus 3 grandchildren.

They are a very happy couple although, in reference to ping pong, Fred says he'd be a sure winner as Ellen has had no practice for 25 years.

Fred Halberg is the brother of Ellsworth Halberg, President of the Scandinavian Centre.

ET dikt til Porsblomstens

This is a poem written by a friend in B.C. It is very nice in the Norwegian language about a place in Norway.

— Submitted by Mrs. Anna Sund, Edmonton.

Med lengsel i sinnet, og barndoms minnet. Om byen ved fyorden. Lang oppe Norden — du sjonne Porsblomsten by.

Baten ved florden, som seilen runt jorden, Den vakre kirken med sin klokke klang ringte in hoitiden, som en vakker sang,

ST Hans Asen med bal dans, altid jeg minnes den vakre ST Hans, Frierflauen med liljekonvalens herlige duft, Festlige turer ut i fri luft.

Var søndag om sommeren, kunne hores fro broen musiker og latter. Nar folk reiste ut i fjorden, til fest og dans, til de sjonne oer som prydes vor kyst, og er kjent overalt. Tiden har gat siden den gang jeg var der, Men minnet om Porsgrun er altid mig kar, En hilsen fra en som aldrig kan glemme byen og venner og barndomshjemmet.

Borghild Randa
8686 - 48 Street
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What's Happening In Sandinavia

From Scandinavian Times

Denmark

COMING EVENTS

Nov. 1-5, 1971

KEM-TEK II, International Exhibition for Chemical-Technical products.

Nov. 4-12, 1971

Herning is the host for "HI 71", Handicrafts and Artwares.

WORTH KNOWING

The Danish Riviera tour which traverses the coastline between Copenhagen and Elsinore (and Hamlet's castle) extends through the winter and on until February 28th, departing Wednesdays and Sundays.

What the Latin Quarter is to Paris, Christianshavn is — in miniature — to Copenhagen. Founded by clever King Christian IV in 1618 to boost the competitive spirit in "buyers-harbor" or Copenhagen, "Christian's-harbor" is an architectural pastiche of Renaissance, rococo and ultra-modern structures. A stroll along narrow, often cobble-stoned streets indicates that for night-clubbing there's something for every taste, from dinner and dancing spots to the best rock and folk music around town. For landmark-seekers, there are the famed spired church built in 1754, the site where Folk-school founder Grundtvig lived, and the Brostes collection, a quaint museum for viewing Christianshavn's past in print, painting, porcelain, furniture and archeological finds. Bus numbers 8 and 9 serve the scenic spot, as does one remnant of the 'good old days,' Streetcar Number 2.

Lucky is the shopper who lands in Denmark in August or February for here's the time when buyers shouldn't beware, as most of the land's shops hold huge sales — "Udsalg". Anything from famed wooden shoes to Danish-design handicrafts and furniture can be bought, often at half price.

Finland

COMING EVENTS

March 1971

Boat show 1971 in Helsinki.

May 16-30, 1971

Helsinki Festival and about this time the town's Musical Festival, an annual event.

June 1971

Scandinavian Building Conference in Otaniemi, 12 miles from the capital.

June 12, 1971

Helsinki Day.

WORTH KNOWING

Farmhouses and log cabins are among the accommodations for members of Finland's oldest "keep-fit" organization, Finnish Ski Track Association. Skiing and hiking, camping in Lapland are the features for this winter.

Shopping in Helsinki is a special treat, where color and Finnish design abound. Tourist favorites include Marimekko, with four boutiques; Friends of Finnish Handicraft, with hand-made ryyjiy-rugs on display; Artek features furniture, glass, ceramics, textiles and stainless steel design items; Kaunis Koru highlights modern jewelry.

Kolmarden in Sweden isn't the only spot where the animals run free; Helsinki's addition to the growing number of zoos with undercaged animals is Korkeasaari Zoological Gardens. This 50-acre island zoo contains begging bears in barless pits and a young camel strolling along paths on days when the zoo is not overly crowded.

Zoophilic folk will be impressed by very rare species abounding in Korkeasaari: the great grey owl and the snowy owl, nearly extinct in their natural state, can be viewed in captivity and dozens of Finnish birds seldom seen elsewhere.

Lapland, where animals outnumber men, has contributed a number of rare species. Last summer two guides led visitors through the 1¾-mile walking path at twenty minutes past the hour from 10 to 4. A leisurely stroll can be topped off with a swig of Finnish beer at the island's restaurant while soaking up the view of the capital's harbor.

Iceland

COMING EVENTS

May 1971

Seamen's Day when speeches, processions, rowing competitions, and exhibitions give sailors the spotlight.

WORTH KNOWING

Thorri, a national holiday brings cheer in Iceland in January and February. Locals serve pickled and smoked "Thorramatur" specialties — whale, shark and seal, and parties, private and public, are enlivened by native schnaps.

The cold buffet at Hotel Loftleidir in Reykjavik makes many others look pale by comparison: 62 different dishes are placed on the huge table for one's choice, with herring a popular item. This buffet serves spiced herring, salt herring fillets with sour cream and chives, curried herring and marinated fish. Anyone for hors d'oeuvre?

Norway

COMING EVENTS

March 28, 1971

The Skui International Ski Jumping Competition.

Mid March

The Holmenkollen International Jumping and Racing Competitions.

November 1971

Norwegian industries Development sponsors Automatica, an engineering conference.

WORTH KNOWING

Local-boy-made-good Thor Heyerdahl's success, Ra II joins its fellow sea-going vessel, Kon-Tiki in 1971 at The Kon-Tiki Museum in Oslo. A tribute to this brave Norwegian, the museum displays reconstructions of under-sea shark life near the raft which made the 1947 crossing from South America to Polynesia, prehistoric lava sculpture from Easter Island and photographs of Heyerdahl's many voyages. Opening hours are 11 to 4 until April 16, when this fascinating spot remains open until 5 p.m.

A new spot for steppin' is Oslo's Promenaden dance restaurant, a club which dates from 1903 and was recently given a dramatic facelift. Serving breakfast and lunch, Promenaden features evening dining in "Tattoo", a grill restaurant, dancing in the "Guard's Room," and any overflow of guests is stuck in "Kakebu" (the guardhouse!).

Ten minutes from Oslo and a short ride from the airport will be the new Globetrotter Hotel in Fornebu, opening in April, 1971. This first-class hotel will house 150 rooms and is located in the charming park in Old Fornebu's Fam. To the east of this 7-floor building, one beholds an exhilarating panorama of Oslo Fjord. Fully air-conditioned, the hotel has added features: five station radio and cassette tape recorders in each room. The builders, SAS Catering A/S, estimate the initial costs at about \$2 million.

Norwegian snow fun needn't bypass the young with the extensive list of Youth Hostel cabins in ski-country. Many, like Mjolfjell, have 4-bed rooms, hot and cold water, and large open-hearth fires in the main room. More information from N.U.H. School and Youth Travel Service, Dronningens gt. 26, Oslo 1. — Spring skiing anyone?

Sweden

COMING EVENTS

Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 1971

Gothenburg's 350th anniversary when this west coast town swings

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the year 'round.

Aug. 8-12, 1971

Uppsala hosts the Congress for Old Testament Study.

Aug. 13-22, 1971, The International Trade Fair — Skane Masen — is held in Malmo.

Sept. 29 - Oct. 2, 1971

The International Hotel and Restaurant Fair (RESTA) is held in Malmo.

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ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

By Lillian MacPherson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thorablott. February 14, 5:00 P.M. Viking Room, Scandinavian Centre. All members come for the dinner and annual meeting. Children under 12 years free, everyone over 12 50 cents. While the adults are meeting, the children will be shown films. Members will be phoned and asked to bring salad or potatoes. Meat dishes will be provided by the Lunch Committee.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is pleased to announce that the SWINGING GOURMET, its cook book, is now available. It contains 160 favorite recipes including a section of 17 Icelandic recipes. Copies may be purchased from members of the Auxiliary. Please send mail orders to Mrs. Pearl Valgardson, 6515 112A St., Edmonton 62. The price is \$1.75 per copy, and 25 cents to cover mailing.

Mr. Andres Bjornsson, Director General of the Icelandic State Radio and Television Broadcasting Services, and Mrs. Margaret Bjornsson, Reykjavik, Iceland, will be visiting in Edmonton March 10-12. Mr. Bjornsson will be on a lecture tour of western Canada and the northwestern United States. In Edmonton he will be speaking at the University of Alberta, sponsored by the Nordurljos chapter and the Department of Germanic Languages at the University. His visit here was arranged by our president, Earl Valgardson, and Prof. Christopher Hale and Prof. Alison Scott. Time, place and topic of the lecture will be announced in the next issue of the paper.

Steve and Audrey Benediktson have contributed a tanned kangaroo hide to the Icelandic Society which will be raffled at Thorablott. Tickets will be 35 cents each or 3 for \$1.00. The Benediktson's with their children, Stevie, Susan and David, spent the Christmas holidays in Alberta visiting Grandma — Rosa Benediktson in Red Deer, and other relatives. They returned to their home in Sydney, Australia, the middle of January.

We were all happy to see Jonina Eamon back in Edmonton after spending four months in Gimli with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Helgi Danielson. She was pleased to leave her parents in improved health after a difficult fall. Jonina wishes to thank those who substituted for her so willingly in her position as Lunch Convenor for the Society.

Our sympathy is extended to Nina Smith and her mother. Nina's father, Mr. Einarson, passed away Wed., Jan. 6, after a lengthy illness. The funeral was in Regina Fri., Jan. 8.

Congratulations to Gary and Mary Lou Maldenhauer who had a baby girl, Jennifer Lori, at the Royal Alex. Hospital Dec. 19. Proud Amma and Afi are Jonina and Grant Eamon.

It's dues time again. \$3.00 per family; \$2.00 per single. Remember, membership in Nordurljos includes membership in the Icelandic National League, which means you are eligible to participate in their charter flights to Iceland. It also means you receive THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE NEWS. If you wish to pay by mail, please fill in the form below, and send to our membership chairman, Beulah Arason, 7615 Rowland Road, Edmonton.

Enclosed is dollars for a single/family membership in the Icelandic Society of Edmonton.

Name
Address
Phone

Mrs. Esther Watson from Eriksdale, Man., is in Edmonton visiting her two daughters, Mrs. Edith Deverill and Clara Jonsson. She will be here for two months.

Mrs. Annie Smith celebrated her 96th birthday Dec. 28. Fourteen old friends called at the Jubilee Nursing Home to help her celebrate. Tea and a beautiful birthday cake completed the afternoon.

Everyone from the Lundar-Eriksdale area will be interested to know that Dr. George Paulson of Lundar was honored at an Appreciation Day dinner and program recently in the Eriksdale Recreation Centre. Dr. Paulson has served the area for 32 years, and just this year a second doctor has come to ease the patient load. 250 persons attended the dinner, and 450 attended the program and social afterwards.

Herb and Phyllis Vigfusson are pleased to announce the engagement of Dianne Corrigan to their son, Bryan. The couple will be married this spring.

Robyn Lynne Corrigan was born Dec. 18, 1970, 2:30 P.M. at Royal Alex. Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. and was 18½" long. Her parents are Judy and Ed Corrigan and her proud grandparents are Herb and Phyllis Vigfusson.

New members: Stan and Fran Sveinson
No. 7 10224 113 St. Phone 488-1008

BOOK REVIEW BUT FOR THESE MEN by John Drummond

This book is the actual story of the commando raids on the Norsk heavy water factory at Vermork and on the railway ferry 'Hydro' in Norway to prevent Hitler from building the atomic bomb.

The story, taken from military counter-intelligence files, is well written and depicts the hardships endured by the Norwegian resistance forces during their efforts to avoid the Germans. Radio contact was maintained throughout with the resistance headquarters in Britain. Risks, close calls and death are a necessary part of such a story.

Lt. Col. Knut Haukelid, Norway's most decorated soldier, is the hero. He also was the technical advisor of the movie version 'Heroes of Telemark'.

Haukelid believed in trolls — "Quisling and his Nazi cronies could never have held Norway for any length of time. The trolls would have fixed them," he declared once while at the breakfast table.

Vidkun Quisling was executed at the end of the war and his name is now a synonym for traitor.

Winston Churchill said — "What rewards are to be given these heroic men?" One wonders what was done for them when it is so obvious that if Hitler had completed the atomic bomb we would be living in a different world.

G.C.T.

IN MEMORIAM

SUND — A tribute of love to our dear son, Roger, who passed away February 10, 1966, age 37.

Even though time goes on,
the memories stay

As near and dear as yesterday.

Sadly missed by mother and dad.
Mrs. A. Sund
12319 — St. Albert Trail
Edmonton 41, Alta.

WHAT'S HAPPENING (continued from page 2) WORTH KNOWING

News from Esso Motor Hotel chain: Sweden claims 22 motels and estimates 30 by 1972. The end of the year will bring rest stops to Orebro and Linkoping, and in 1971 one will be inaugurated in Ulriksdal just north of Stockholm on highway E4, which passes the capital's international airport, Arlanda. Next autumn ushers in Esso motels in the northern Swedish cities of Umea and Lulea. Gothenburg, Vasteras and Nykoping are slated for sometime in 1972.

Gothenburg to Stockholm or vice versa is the route of the Gota Canal steamship line, which runs from mid-May to the beginning of September. Fares, which include meal and service charges on the 3-day trip, start at \$75 for a berth in a cabin which sleeps four, to \$180 for a cabin located on the bridge. This scenic tour penetrates Lake Vattern and passes medieval castles and miles of breathtaking Swedish landscape. The more adventurous of tourists on this 3-day trip are invited to operate the locks at various spots on the canal.

More Swedish stamps are available with the August 28, 1970 issuance of a stamp with the motif of Glimmingehus, a castle cum moat from the 15th century located in the province of Skane, unique for as far as it is known the manor house has never suffered an enemy attack. Simultaneously, the Postal Administration announced a stamp with the facade of the China Palace (Kina slott) in the Royal Drottningholm Park outside Stockholm. Philatelists can write to Poststyrelsen, Kanslibyran S-10500, Stockholm.

June, 1972 is the projected date of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm. The pollution-sensitive Swedes took the initiative in the UN and offered to host the conference and pay the extra cost arising when a meeting is held outside an established UN site. Some of the suggested topics are air pollution by domestic and industrial effluents; collection and disposal of rubbish and waste; air pollution by industries, domestic heating and automobiles.

TRADE FAIRS IN SCANDINAVIA FINLAND

Sept. 1-30, 1971
Is Navigate The International Maritime Exhibition in Helsinki.

Oct. 1-31, 1971
TV and Radio Show, Helsinki.

NORWAY
September and October 1971
The Building Machines and Materials Exhibition in Oslo.

SERVICE CLUBS DENMARK

Lion's Club International office in Copenhagen area is situated at LI. Strandstr. 18, and phone number is 11 26 19.

Rotary Club members on visits are invited to call 11 00 46. The office is situated at Hovedvagtsg. 2.

FINLAND
Rotary — Some eight clubs in the Helsinki area can be reached by phone — including Helsinki numbers, 68 82 02, 64 17 17, 76 44 12, 6 12 51, 1 04 41, 76 44 12, 67 19 00.

Lions International — District 107, Finland, is situated at Bulev. 13A, and can be reached by phoning Helsinki 64 04 79.

NORWAY
Rotary — Visiting members can contact the club office at Kongensg. 44 and the telephone is 42 64 62. Lion's club offices are situated at Eckersbergsg. 43 and telephone number is 44 11 55.

SWEDEN
Rotary — Greater Stockholm's clubs have telephone number 20 98 64. Visiting members are invited to call, between 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Lion's — Information about clubs in the area can be obtained by calling 11 79 53.

Lake Winnipeg Hecla Island Provincial Park?

From the Winnipeg Free Press
By Linda Lee

Over a year ago, after a long series of presentations by various Hecla Island (Lake Winnipeg) groups, and most recently by Hecla's local Agricultural Rural Development Act (ARDA) committee, the Manitoba government proposed turning the Lake Winnipeg island into a provincial park.

Some residents saw the proposal as a chance to make a living on the island, perhaps to reverse the process which was turning a once-thriving fishing community into a ghost town.

The population is down to about 66. At one time there were more than 500.

In May, 1969, a letter was sent to all land owners on the island signed by J. B. Carroll, then minister of tourism and recreation. It stated in part, "Hecla has the resources and the diversity which makes it suitable for development as a Provincial Park. Because the park development program will contribute greatly toward creating income and job opportunities for the people of Hecla and the Interlake, the park development will be carried out as a Fund for Rural Economic Development (FRED) project."

A number of the islanders said the park sounded like a good idea at first. They didn't like the idea of having to sell their property, but they received the impression they would be able to live in their own homes as long as they wanted. They did like the idea of jobs available right on the island so they could afford to stay.

Helgi Jones, a member of the local ARDA committee, has been promoting tourism on Hecla since 1953. He objected to the prices the government is offering for the private property on the island. Only 5,000 acres out of 35,000 acres is privately owned. He said the government is offering prices based on the agricultural value of the land although they intend using it for recreational purposes.

No matter what happens financially, it will be hard for the islanders to leave. Most of them are descendants of the Icelandic immigrants who settled there about 85 years ago.

One young woman, the third generation of her family to be born and raised on Hecla and the fourth generation to live there, told a government buyer. "It's hard to move away from where you've lived all your life." His answer, she said, was, "We don't pay for sentiment."

Men are like steel — of little value when they lose their temper.

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A JOURNEY TO REMEMBER

From The 12th Street Beat

Dr. Cecil Couves recently returned from a mountain climbing expedition in the Himalayas where he spent almost four weeks climbing various mountains. The highest mountain he climbed was Yala Peak, close to the Annapurna Range, which was 17,810 feet. Here is Dr. Couve's record of the adventure:

On October 23, 1970, 15 climbers and 15 trekkers left Vancouver for Nepal for a climbing and trekking expedition which for most of us has been the single most impressive experience of our lives. Sponsored by the Alpine Club of Canada, a 70 year old organization, the group was a heterogeneous collection of all ages and both sexes from all over the United States and Canada.

Four days later we found ourselves housed in an old Rana palace called the Shanker Hotel in Kathmandu. A brief orientation session followed and the two groups (hikers and climbers) separated with our

porters and Sherpas to begin our 27 days in the highest mountains in the world.

Our party consisted of 15 climbers including myself with 54 porters and Sherpas. The Sherpas, a proud ethnic group, are natural climbers. They are of Tibetan origin, live in self contained Sherpa villages, are proud and handsome and have a great sense of humor. They have an unusual tolerance for high altitudes and possess a superhuman endurance.

The porters are either Sherpa porters or local porters. Although small in stature (average weight 120 lbs.) they carry 75 to 90 lbs. over impossible terrain for 8 to 10 hours without obvious fatigue. They walk with bare feet up to 10,000 feet, thereafter they wear running shoes. They sleep outside covered only with a yak skin even in freezing temperatures which occur at night at high altitudes.

We proceeded in 5 days to 14,100 feet where we hoped to set up higher camps for climbing. We found, in this area, that the mountains were beyond our reach. We set up, over the next two weeks, two high camps at 15,800 and 16,000 feet. From these areas climbing was carried out to a maximum height of 18,500 feet. No oxygen was available for climbing and our permit, given by the Nepalese government, was good for only 19,500 feet.

As Medical Officer for the group, we had only one major illness in a climber who developed a respiratory problem. He had, eventually, to be flown to Kathmandu. Four additional people, because of an accumulation of minor problems, had to leave the group. The rest of us remained remarkably healthy.

The weather was beautiful. Warm (50 - 70) during the day, cold (10 - 15) at night. The nights are long (12 hours) and, in order to keep warm, most of us were in bed by 7:00 p.m.

The Sherpas are excellent cooks but there is a lack of meat.

The tree line is very high in the Himalayas at 12,000 feet and the scenery is rather dull and mundane at these high levels but in the lower valleys, one encounters the most beautiful countryside in the whole world. The valleys are steep and the faces are carved into beautiful rice and grain fields. The vegetation is green and lush and the lower areas are heavily treed with rhododendrons and poinsettia trees. The gorges are the deepest in the world.

Tired, dirty, thin and hungry, we returned to Kathmandu for an additional day before flying home by way of Delhi and Hong Kong.

VASA LODGE SKANDIA



By Joyce Hawkes

The first meeting of the 1971 year was held Saturday, January 9, in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre. Chairman Lennart Petersson opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Officers for the 1971 year were installed.

Betty Pearson extended greetings from Mrs. Harry Correll in Vancouver. Linnea Lodge also read letters and cards from the Grand Master and other friends.

Jubilee buttons were presented to Matt and Len Eliasson, and Joan Knutson for sponsoring new members.

Members reported sick were as follows: John Jarret, Gust Lungren, Ralph Granat, Oscar Pearson, Michael Skoog, Ole Haug, Evelyn Modin and Linnea Christensen.

Our Cultural Leader, Ben Kristianson, told us that our part in Scandapades will be to portray Midsummer in Sweden. Singers and dancers are needed. The Vasa Singers were asked to sing. Anna Sund will lead the lunch committee at Scandapades. Her committee will consist of Irma McMaster, Hilda Backstrom and Betty Pearson.

A big "thank you" for a lovely lunch to Hilda Hanson, Sonja Bergstrom, and Helen McEvoy.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, February 6, 7:00 p.m.

Regular monthly meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia will be held in the

Norwegian Study Promotes Longer Vacations

From Scandinavian Times

With the long, hot Scandinavian summer glowingly before them, some Norwegians are already plotting to extend their inalienable month-long vacation to five or six weeks or even more.

Behind the proposal lie two Norwegian white collar unions and the national doctors' association who maintain the five-day work-week is bad for you.

Their argument — timed for an up-coming round of white collar negotiations with national and municipal government employers — contends that workers between 40 and 50 should have an extra week's vacation; between 50 and 60, two more weeks; and over 60, a total of seven weeks' paid vacation. As partial compensation to the employer, the six-day work week would be reinstated more universally.

Motivating their claim is the group's feeling that the current Friday night to Sunday night weekend is altogether too hectic, especially for city dwellers who must tackle unnerving traffic jams to and from their summer cottages. The weekend pace, they feel, is a health risk.

One hitch, of course, is that Norwegians might be tempted to take more of their extended vacation in the summer, a move that could cripple the country's industry and administration. But as it is now, more than 80 per cent of the nation's labor force takes only three week's summer vacation, hoarding the fourth for some Mediterranean sun or Norwegian cross country skiing at Christmas or Easter.

Thus, concludes the medico-union group, it would appear to be a relatively simple task to convince the Norwegians to spread their extended holidays over the summer and winter seasons.

Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre.

9:00 p.m.

The Past Presidents' Club will host an evening of Court Whist. Come out for a really different evening of enjoyment.

Friday, February 19, —

The Women's Auxiliary will meet at the home of Brother and Sister McMaster at 8:00 p.m. at 12228 — 127 Street.

Saturday, March 6 — 7:00 p.m.

Regular meeting of the Lodge Skandia will be held in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre. The meeting will be chaired by our young people.

9:00 p.m. —

Entertainment after the meeting will be arranged by the young people. Come out and support them. I am sure they will have a very interesting evening planned for us. Watch next month's issue for more news about this.

VASA GLIMPSES

Congratulations to Rita Pearson who has been chosen as a representative from Edmonton Public High Schools to a Dept. of Education committee discussing the feasibility of assigning credits for out of school activities. Rita is a student at Queen Elizabeth Composite High School.

Lorraine and Dean Lindberg are proud parents of a son, 7 lbs. 13 oz., born January 7. Greetings, Trevor. Grandparents Clarence and Madge Sanford and Paula and Cliff Lindberg are just as proud.

Daughter Bernice visited Cliff and Paula Lindberg for three days during the Christmas holidays. Grandsons Darren and Jay also visited for a week.

Martha Hokanson from Vancouver spent Christmas and New Year's with her son and daughter-in-law, Ernie and Rene.

Judy and Calvin Cartwright and family have moved to Slave Lake. Randy Watson spent the holiday week skiing at Marmot Basin.

Dale Ebbert, from Lethbridge, grandson of Carl Ramsted, visited relatives in Edmonton during the holidays. Dale plans on attending University here next year, so I am sure we will hear more of him.

Henry Lodge was named "Good Guy of the Day" at CHED on January 6. Good for you, Henry. CHED made a good choice.

Another deserving person, Martha Kay, won a grocery hamper from CFRN. The corner grocery missed Martha for a few days.

Your reporter spent the Christmas holidays in Los Angeles. Every one there complained of a cold wave 70 to 75 above in the day time.

"Thank you to all Vasa members for their kindness and courtesy during the holidays. Tusen tak."

— John Jarret.

Continuing Search for Oil in Norway

A new group headed by the United States oil giant, Continental Oil, is to start drilling for oil in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea next summer.

Continental Oil Co. of Norway has taken over two-thirds of the two production licences and six blocks granted to Gulf Oil in 1965.

Twelve Norwegian firms are participating in the new group with 10 per cent of the shares.

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SAS Reports Profit

Scandinavian Airlines has reported a profit on its worldwide operations of \$17.1 million before taxes for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1970, as compared with \$16.1 million the previous year.

The SAS Board of Directors, meeting in Oslo, noted that while profit increased slightly, "it is still on the low side in the light of the company's development and investment requirements." Profits were maintained, the Board added, despite adverse impact on the industry of overcapacity, rising cost and declining unit prices, "by rigid cost controls, economies in all sectors and hard work by all concerned."

Operating revenue and other income for the year totalled \$384.1 million, as against \$344.7 the year before. Total operating and other expenses increased by \$38.3 million to \$366.9 million more.

The SAS Board recommended that \$8.6 million of the profit be paid to the Danish, Norwegian and Swedish parent companies and that the remainder be retained for consolidation purposes.

Scandinavian Centre Co-Operative Association Limited

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1970

A S S E T S	
Current Assets	
Cash on hand and in bank	\$ 31,806
Accounts receivable — rent, catering, etc.	1,106
Inventory of goods for resale at lower of cost or market	403
Prepaid expenses	421
Guaranteed investment certificates	21,556
	<u>\$ 55,292</u>
Capital Assets	
Land, at cost	\$ 10,000
Building, at cost	127,217
Furniture and fixtures, at cost	28,143
	<u>\$165,360</u>
Less: Accumulated depreciation	53,815
	<u>\$111,545</u>
Other Assets	
Deposists with air carriers	4,000
	<u>\$170,837</u>

SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION LIMITED	
INCOME STATEMENT	
For the Year Ended December 31, 1970	
Income	
Hall rentals	\$ 21,758
Catering, mix, etc.	11,322
Charter flights	4,167
Social functions (net)	1,406
Interest	2,359
	<u>\$ 41,012</u>
Expenditures	
Advertising — Scand. Centre News	\$ 301
— Other	134
Bank charges	157
Building maintenance	2,265
Car allowance	300
General expenses	709
Grounds, snow removal	1,518
Insurance	996
Janitor	4,780
Laundry, linen	1,293
Salary, manager	5,825
Office, postage	1,086
Scandinavian Centre News	2,600
Supplies	1,996
Taxes, property	4,328
Telephone, utilities	3,307
Wages, other	2,538
	<u>\$ 34,533</u>
Income before Depreciation	6,479
Provision for depreciation (note)	6,479
Net Income	<u>nil</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To The Shareholders of the

SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION LIMITED

I have examined the balance sheets of the Scandinavian Centre Co-Operative Association Limited and the Scandinavian Centre News as at December 31st, 1970 and the Income Statements for the year ended on that date. My examination included such tests of accounting records and other supporting evidence as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion the accompanying balance sheets and income statements present fairly the financial position of the association as at December 31st, 1970 and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with those of the prior year except with regard to depreciation — see note 4.

Edmonton, Alberta
January 15, 1971

W. K. BROEN,
Chartered Accountant

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	
Current Liabilities	
Deposits on future rentals	\$ 990
Deposits on air passage	9,172
	<u>\$ 10,162</u>
Shareholders' Equity	
Share Capital	
Authorized: Unlimited number of shares at \$50.00 ea.	
Issued and subscribed: 3436 shares	\$171,780
Deduct: Subscriptions receivable	\$ 8,345
Commissions on shares	2,760
	<u>11,105</u>
	160,675
Retained earnings	
	<u>nil</u>
	<u>\$160,675</u>
	<u>\$170,837</u>
Approved on behalf of the board:	
.....	Director
.....	Director
This is the balance sheet referred to in the auditors report of January 15, 1971.	

Scandinavian Centre Co-Operative Association Limited	
SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE NEWS	
Balance Sheet	
December 31, 1970	
A S S E T S	
Current Assets	
Cash on hand	\$ 620
Accounts receivable	473
	<u>\$ 1,093</u>
Equipment	
	<u>100</u>
	<u>\$ 1,193</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 501
Surplus	
Deficit December 31, 1969	\$ 510
Excess of revenue over expenditures	1,202
	<u>692</u>
Surplus December 31, 1970	<u>1,193</u>
INCOME STATEMENT	
For the Year Ended December 31, 1970	
Revenue	
Advertising contracts	\$ 5,020
Donations	1,096
Subsidy from Scandinavian Centre	2,600
	<u>\$ 8,716</u>
Expenses	
Printing	\$ 4,830
Mailing	1,230
Editor's honorarium	1,020
Miscellaneous	164
Commissions	270
	<u>\$ 7,514</u>
Excess of revenue over expenditures	<u>\$ 1,202</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

Scandinavian Centre Co-Operative Association Limited

December 31, 1970

1. It is probable that many of the share subscriptions receivable are uncollectable.
2. Neither trade accounts receivable or share subscriptions receivable were circulated by the auditor.
3. Whereas the Scandinavian Centre News is accounted for separately, it is in fact another operational activity of the Scandinavian Centre Co-Operative Association Limited. The income in the operation of the Scandinavian Centre News for the year ended December 31, 1970 in the amount of \$1,202.00 should be read in conjunction with the main financial statements of the co-operative.
4. Depreciation has been provided only to the extent necessary to bring net income to nil.

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

(This is the only notice that shareholders will receive)

Annual General Meeting

OF THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE
CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION LIMITED

WHEN –

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 1971

WHERE –

The Viking Room at the
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AGENDA –

- REGISTRATION: 7:30 - 8:00 P.M.
- READING OF MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL MEETING
- DIRECTORS REPORT
- AUDITORS REPORT
- BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES AND REPORTS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
- ELECTION OF AUDITOR AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE
- COFFEE AND CAKES

NEW BUSINESS Proposed By-Law Changes

1. Transfer Fee

It is recommended by the Board of Directors that a fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) be charged for transferring a share; however, this fee is waved in the case of death of the shareholder.

2. Number of Directors

It is recommended by the Board of Directors that the number of directors be reduced from fifteen (15) to eleven (11). This will provide for a more workable group as problems of obtaining a quorum arose many times.

NOTICE

Voting At Annual Meefings

The Co-operative Association Act provides that each shareholder in the association is entitled to ONE VOTE ONLY, and cannot cast a vote for himself (if he is a shareholder) and also vote as a representative of an organization that holds shares in the co-operative.

Norwegian Storting Discusses Foreign Policy

From News of Norway

Norway's application for membership in an expanded European Common Market was a major theme during the Storting's foreign policy debate on November 23-24. More than fifty speakers had signed up for the debate, which was based on Foreign Minister Sverre Strøm's foreign policy statement to the national assembly on October 27.

Opening the discussion, the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, Liberal Party Leader Helge Selvig, said that the basis for Norway's application for full membership in an expanded EEC had not been changed as a consequence of Sweden's negotiating position or factors such as the so-called Werner Report on the establishment of an economic and monetary union. Norway's position was clear: only after negotiations for full membership were completed and the results known would it be possible to make a decision whether or not to enter the EEC. Mr. Selvig shared the Government's disappointment over the EEC's decision to implement a joint fisheries policy without consulting Norway and other applicant

nations in advance, but rejected the view that Norway should break off the negotiations in Brussels because of it.

Speaking of the United Nations, Mr. Selvig stated that China must be given a place in the world organization.

Mr. Selvig favored the idea of an active public debate on defense and foreign policy issues. He also expressed support for continued efforts by NATO countries towards a European security conference.

The Minister of Commerce, Mr. Otto Greig Tidemand, said the progress of Great Britain's Common Market negotiations indicated that Norway's negotiations could advance faster than anticipated. Mr. Greig Tidemand said that membership in the EEC did not mean that Norway would lose the advantages the country would otherwise have as a result of recent oil discoveries on the continental shelf. Norway would not give up the income from future oil production nor the right to give or deny concessions.

Addressing himself to questions raised during the debate, Foreign Minister Sverre Strøm said, inter alia,

that if Norway joined the EEC, it would have an opportunity to participate in the forming of the economic and monetary union envisaged in the Werner Report.

Mr. Strøm regretted the American resumption of the bombing of targets in North Vietnam. He noted, however, the American statements to the effect that this was an action of limited duration, adding that he had gained a definite impression of a strong American desire to end the military involvement in Vietnam. On the question of ties with North Vietnam, Mr. Strøm saw no reason for Norway to extend diplomatic recognition at the present time. The Storting rejected by 72 against 70 votes a proposal by Labor to extend diplomatic recognition to North Vietnam.

Norway has worked within NATO on measures aimed at influencing the development of Greece in a democratic direction, Mr. Strøm said. The United States is of the opinion that strategic reasons dictate that nothing must be done which may lead to a break with Greece, and in this question the United States has the support of all the NATO countries,

except Norway and Denmark. To have any influence in the matter, it is necessary to find a solution which has the support of the majority of the NATO countries. The Government will continue to work to achieve this, Mr. Strøm said.

The Minister of Defence, Mr. Gunnar Hellesø, said for his part, that there was no simple solution to the Greek problem. An exclusion of Greece from NATO was no solution, and Norway should continue to seek to persuade our NATO partners in this issue, he said.

Mr. Hellesø also discussed at some length the marked increase in Soviet military activities north and west of Norway, pointing to a mobility which makes it possible to strike at any point along the Norwegian coast. The scope of Soviet exercises and operations is such that Norway is being surrounded by sea, air and land activities of a character which might eventually enable a Soviet amphibious force to leave its base in the Baltic or on the Kola Peninsula inconspicuously. Referring to the question as to whether Norway's policy not to have foreign forces or atomic weapons on Nor-

wegian soil in peacetime should be revised in the light of the Soviet build-up, Mr. Hellesø stated that no such changes are contemplated.

Concluding the debate, the Storting voted to forward to the Foreign Relations Committee Labor Party proposals for a better way to administer trade with East Germany, for taking up Portugal's policy in Africa in the Councils of Ministers of NATO and EFTA, and for taking initiatives in NATO for a European security conference.

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Salesman: "I did and we had a swell time, but now I want to see you."

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Burglar at home to young son – "I did not spank you for taking the jam, my boy, but for leaving your fingerprints."

SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



By Rodena Franklin

The Sunray Junior Lodge held their Christmas party at the McNaughton home with about fifteen members attending.

The Sons of Norway Sewing Group is in need of members. If there is any response we shall resume meetings again in February. Anyone interested, please contact Marian Iverson at 488-7949.

Correction from last month's issue:

Norwegian folk dancing is every other Sunday at 1:00 p.m. instead of every Sunday. Dancing is open to all who are interested. For further information, please phone Mrs. Clara Lineham — 455-8860.

The bowlers wish to thank the Sons of Norway Lodge for the Christmas prizes given them on Dec. 22.

The following is a list of the winners:

FIRST GAME
Carol Person, Henrietta Johnsrude, Muriel Parkin, Iva Hanson.

SECOND GAME
Helen Selvig, Al Letendre, Stein Steinstad.

THIRD GAME
Doreen Melsness, Peter Hanson, Lis Johansen, Lloyd Steen, Doris steen, Andy Mjaatveit, Ruth Logan.

Turkeys were won by:
Emeth Clark, Lis Johansen.

Congratulations and best wishes to all the bowlers.

Turkey and chicken are low in fat and high in protein — a point for weight watchers to bear in mind.

Christmas letter From Ghana

Barney and Ida Stephanson, who are at the University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana, have written their newsy Christmas letter, highlights of which follow:

En route home to Edmonton in July we stopped in Iceland where we visited the farm where Barney's father was born. Forty relatives entertained us, and we enjoyed taking pictures in the midnight sun; seeing Mt. Hekla, which had been active since May; visiting geysirs and waterfalls, and marvelling at the never-failing Icelandic hospitality.

Coming back in September we spent a wet week in Ireland (no wonder it is so green). Despite the rain, we managed to kiss the Blarney Stone, see the highlights of Dublin, even the rich areas of Belfast, and the wonderful volcanic rocks on the north coast.

Earl and Neil do correspondence here, grade 10 and 7 in the a.m. and concentrate on tennis and swimming in the afternoon. Karen likes her school and Brownies, and has a busy social life.

The Dean of Agriculture leaves this month and Barney has been appointed acting dean until we leave in July.

Ida continues volunteer hospital and library work, and has organized a gourmet group among the ladies on campus.

Thirty Canadians were in to listen to the Grey Cup broadcast.

We had an anxious time in June as Asantehene, Chief of all Akan tribes, died in Kumasi after 39 years in power. There were rumors of many deaths, and we were warned

SEASON HIGH SCORES

Men's average — Arne Gulbrandsen — 211.
Men's triple — Arne Gulbrandsen — 845
Men's single — John Marko — 353
Ladies' Average — Betty McKevitt — 206
Ladies' triple — Betty McKevitt — 734
Ladies' single — Louise Logan — 290
Team triple — Vikings 3043
Team single — Odins — 1164

Mr. Frederick Jansen, who is Norwegian, is in the Colonel Mewburne Hospital. He has no family and is very lonely and would greatly appreciate visitors.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Emma Bredesen who celebrated her 86th birthday on Jan. 4.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Betty Anderson in the passing of her father, Mr. Armstrong.

Margarette Olsenberg is home from the hospital and coming along fine.

Mrs. Overland is in the Misericordia Hospital with a broken ankle.

The correspondent for next month will be Mrs. Carol Berdahl. Phone 466-3252.

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Vinland Map Authentic — Scholars

From Winnipeg Free Press
By Joyce Egginton
(Special — OFNS)

Yale scholars who have been studying the Vinland Map and related documents during the past five years are now convinced beyond any doubt that the map — copied in the 1430s from at least one earlier map — is authentic, and the North American continent was definitely settled by Vikings almost 500 years before Columbus discovered it in 1492.

Further evidence of the Viking settlement is expected to be published by the Norwegian archaeologist, Helge Ingstad. Early last year, Dr. Ingstad described how he unearthed relics of some typically Viking houses, around 1,000 years old, in the remote fishing village of L'Anse aux Meadows on the north-eastern tip of Newfoundland. At first some scholars were skeptical of the origin of these findings. However, it is now revealed that in a further "dig" last summer at the same site, the 71-year-old Dr. Ingstad discovered a great many more artifacts which are unquestionably Viking. Dr. Ingstad is preparing a scientific report of these finds, expected to be published next year.

"The objects he found have to be Viking; they can't be from anywhere else," commented Thomas E. Marston, curator of medieval and renaissance literature at Yale's Beinecke Rare Book Library here. Mr. Marston has been in charge of research on the Vinland Map, which is delicately drawn in brown ink on vellum and measures 11 by 16 inches.

The map shows what was then known of the world. Vinland, as the Vikings called the North American mainland, appears as a large island, a little smaller than Greenland (which is drawn with surprising accuracy), embracing the territory of Newfoundland and what appears to be the mouth of the St. Lawrence. It is impossible to tell from the map how far south the Vikings explored — whether they crossed what is now the Canadian border and came south into New England — because of the inaccuracy of the scale.

"They just drew what they knew and rounded it off as an island, probably because it did not occur to them that this land could be much different in size from the countries they knew," says Mr. Marston.

A notation on the map shows that Vinland was first sighted by Viking seamen in the year 999 A.D. but that a landing, led by Leif Ericson, did not take place until the following year. From then on, Vinland was developed by the Vikings as "a very minor colony" for the next 350 years, Mr. Marston believes.

Throughout this time, the Vikings from northern Norway were making annual expeditions to their larger Greenland colony for the furs and wood which they lacked in their own land. From there, they probably travelled back and forth to Vinland for the same purpose with somewhat less frequency. It is still not known how they managed to navigate their wooden sailing ships.

"They used the Hebrides, Iceland and Greenland as stepping stones across the Atlantic," says

Mr. Marston. If they did it right, they could get all the way to Greenland and never lose sight of land for more than 48 hours. Vinland was just one more step west.

"Vinland is mentioned in a chronicle of the Scandinavian church as early as the year 1100, but until the map was found scholars were only guessing at where it was. It is known that the pope sent a bishop to the churches in Greenland and Vinland, but then the bishop disappears from history. An inscription on the map states that this lush country of Vinland was discovered after a long voyage, and that Leif Ericson's crew remained there a long time, in both summer and winter. They were probably all northern Norwegians and the Vinland climate must have seemed pretty good to them."

Inexplicably, all records of the Viking expeditions to Greenland and Vinland disappear around the middle of the 14th century. Mr. Marston's theory is that the Black Death was to blame. "It had a terrible effect upon the Scandinavian population, and seems to have put an end to their colonial expeditions. The Vikings' last recorded journey from Norway to Greenland was in 1347, which coincides with the plague."

Mr. Marston also believes that this is why the Ottoman Turks were able to make their large, easy conquests of Eastern Europe at the same time. "They had adopted from the Arab conquerors the rigid rule of never camping in any one place for more than three days. The fact that they were always on the move made them far less susceptible to the Black Death which was raging across Europe."

Other scholars have suggested that the Viking settlement in Vinland may have died out because it was overrun by Indians, or because the Vikings intermarried with local Indians. There are some common elements in the ancient language of some North American Indian tribes and the medieval speech or Norsemen.

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DYING AND AFTER LIFE

Ingrid Sveen:

Dr. Nelson is with us today. He hopes to give us some insights into the Northmen's understanding of dying and afterlife. How should we begin this, Dr. Nelson?

Dr. Nelson:

Let's start with two questions. The first account, taken from the Yngling Saga of Snorri, tells us about a Viking Lord. Just before death from wounds gotten in battle Haki

"Bade them take a warship which he had, and load it with dead men and weapons, and push it out to sea. He ordered them to ship the rudder and hoist the sail and set

fire to the fuel, making a pyre in the ship. The wind was blowing from the land. Haki was then at the point of death or even dead, when he was laid on the pyre. Then the ship sailed blazing out to sea. This was famous for a long time afterwards".

A Latin rendering of a lost saga, the Skjoldunga Saga, relates how King Sigurd Hrings had Alfsola borne to her funeral and

"Then went aboard a great ship, laden with corpses, the only living man among them. He placed himself and the dead Alfsola in the stern, and ordered that a fire should be kindled with bitumen and sulfur. Then, with full sails set and a strong wind driving from the shore, he guided the rudder and at the same time slew himself with his own hand. — He preferred to go to King Othin in royal pomp in the manner of his ancestors — that is to the underworld — rather than to endure the weakness of a sluggish old age."

Ingrid: How typical are these two accounts would you say?

Dr. Nelson: These are not unusual. Cremation was preferred by those of the Northmen culture from very early times, since about the beginning of the iron age. It is not until the waning years of the Viking period that burying becomes as widespread as cremation. And, even after Christianization, burning remained a common practice. However, there were local differences. It was little employed in Iceland at any time. Also cremation waned in popularity somewhat earlier in Denmark than in Norway or Sweden.

Ingrid: What about the ship? Was this often used for funeral purposes?

Dr. Nelson: Oh, there are many such accounts, but literal ships were of course available only to a small segment of the total society. Also we really can't know how popular ships were in any absolute sense because little physical trace is left when a ship is burned at sea. A burned ship is a poor grave marker. On the other hand, we do know that many Northmen's grave stone markers from the pre-Viking periods were made in the form of a ship. Large stones were arranged on a level spot to make something representing the funnels of a ship and the individual laid within. A few ship graves were very large, occa-

sionally 80 feet, while others were quite small. Some of the very ancient graveyards of Denmark and Sweden, in particular, contain scores of such grave monuments. Also, some ships used as burial vessels were not burned but buried. There are some famous examples in the museums of Norway.

Ingrid: How does knowledge of such things improve our understanding of the ancestral mentality? What do they tell us?

Dr. Nelson: They don't tell us a great deal directly but they give real emphasis to what the ancient historians have said to be true.

The Northmen believed that a sort of rebirth would occur for people who were buried but that those who were burned went to a different realm. The belief was also interpreted that all the things burned with a brave warrior — his goods and animal and sometimes his wife — would be released from this world to that realm in order to accompany him and his men. There, everything would be made whole again.

In accordance with what I just said, a very interesting account is given us by an Arab traveller who witnessed a ship cremation on the Volga river. The East Vikings told him that great men are cremated in a twinkling, entering the other realm at the very same time. In this case, immediately after the firing of the ship, a gale came up and whipped the pyre into an inferno. The Northman laughed heartily and told the Arab to notice how Odin had ordained a gale so as to speed the favorite to him. He then made very critical remarks about the practices of such people as the Arabs whose principles were so gross that they buried people in the ground without consideration of their future.

Ingrid: So this is how the Northmen believed they could go to heaven?

Dr. Nelson: No one has said anything about heaven. If we discount a notion sometimes called "Gimli", which is believed a very late addition to belief and probably due to Christian influence, the Northmen appear to have lacked a heaven. No, it seems that those who were burned went to Hel, spelled H-E-L, which is not Hell, spelled H-E-L-L, either. But more about Hel and afterlife will have to await another time.

NORDSTJERNAN

NEWS

By Dan Edin

The first regular meeting of the new year was held January 9 at Lone Ridge Hall. The 1971 Program was presented and approved for circulation. Local Lodge Curling date was set for January 29 and 30 with an invitation going to Buford Lodge to curl at Usona on February 13. We wish to extend a big "Thank You" to the Drill Team from Buford for performing the duties of installing the 1971 officers of Nordstjernan Lodge. It was greatly appreciated, especially since it was necessary for them to travel on icy roads and during a bitter cold wind. The new slate is as follows:

Chairman: Louis Thorsen.
Vice-Chairman: George Sjogren.
Rec. Sec'y.: Mabel Tapio.
Ass't. Rec. Sec'y.: Annie Holmlund.

Fin. Sec'y.: Bertha Edin.
Ass't. Fin. Sec'y.: Henry Sjogren.
Treasurer: Clifford Robins.
Chaplain: Dan Edin.
Mistress of Ceremonies: Phyllis Tapio.

Ass't M. of C.: Helen Havanka.
Inner Guard: Charlie Tapio.
Outer Guard: Paul Bloedel.
Cultural Leader: George Sjogren.
Banner Bearers are Mona Robins and Rose Krause.
Auditors are John Holmlund, Mel Gabrielson, and Lydia Remin.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for February 20 at the home of Br. Darryl Wollin.

The Children's Christmas Party held at Lone Ridge on December 13 was again a decided success with a good crowd in attendance. The appearance of Santa Claus was the high-light for the little people and you can bet he will be watched for next year. District Deputy Sr. Olga Brown introduced Grand Deputy Br. Floyd Modin who made several presentations of pins to members of Nordstjernan Lodge at this time. Many thanks to Floyd and the couple who attended with him.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the Gordon Krause family in the passing of Gordon's father.

To those in hospital, we wish a speedy recovery.

Sr. Elvira Anderson has been visiting with her son and family in High Prairie since before the Christmas Season.

The Ron Holmlund's enjoyed a ten-day vacation in Hawaii over the Christmas Holiday.

Veteran Cars Will Run Taxi Service Between Museums In Oslo

Owners of veteran cars will establish transfer services this summer between various museums in Oslo, such as the Viking Ship Museum, the Kon Tiki Museum, the Polar Ship Fram and the Norwegian Folk Museum, etc.

Helicopter Service To Edgar Allan Poe's Paradise

A regular all-year-round helicopter service has just been opened between Bodo and the outermost fairytale islands in the Lofoten Isles in Norway's Land of the Midnight Sun. This is the island paradise where Edgar Allan Poe spent several months, and where he wrote "A Descent into the Maelstrom".



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SAS Offers Song Of Norway Itineraries

Scandinavian Airlines offers nine versions of a "Song of Norway Tour" itinerary planned throughout the areas where the five million dollar motion picture musical extravaganza was filmed in Norway. The musical is based on the life of Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg and features the Scandinavian scenery in Cinerama color.

"The Song of Norway Tours" are operative during the next peak season from early June until the end of August.

Featured in the itinerary will be stops in Bergen and Oslo, Norway, as well as breath-taking scenic stops in the fjord country which inspired Grieg's compositions.

As the "Song of Norway" movie camera captured the spectacular beauty of Norway's waterways and mountains, the itinerary of the "Song of Norway Tours" will bring participants to the spectacular scenes themselves which inspired Grieg to write this music, and hour after hour of other sights, all awesome with natural beauty.

Naturally, the major feature of the tour will be a visit of Grieg's home at Troldhaugen just outside of Bergen. The house is currently a National Museum and the trappings are the original furnishings and mementos of the great composer. In a recess carved into a cliff on the edge of the Grieg home property

and leading down to a picturesque lake is the final resting place of the composer and his wife.

Oslo, the Norwegian capital, is shown at its sparkling best in the "Song of Norway Tour" Itinerary. Visitors can expect to see its famous Viking ships and Kon-Tiki Museums, Vigeland Park, the Munch Museum, the famous Holmenkollen Ski Jump and a host of other famous Oslo highlights.

Ingrid Bergman Won't Undress

Ingrid Bergman says if she were a young woman again she would not be an actress "because I would never take my clothes off."

The 53-year-old Swedish-born actress feels:

"We made movies for 50 years and nobody ever minded that we did not show our naked bodies."

"It's so embarrassing taking all your clothes off with the film crew looking on. Half the time they are only doing the scene so that they can get sexy photos on the advertisements. They don't need them at all."

Miss Bergman is appearing in London in a stage revival of George Bernard Shaw's comedy "Captain Brassbound's Conversion".

BUFORD NEWS

By Wanda Markstedt

Under the direction of District Deputy Albin Markstedt eight members of the Buford Vasa Lodge No. 577 have formed a new Installation and Initiation Team.

The members involved are Janet Pearson, Jo Ann Markstedt, Betty Hanson, Bob Pearson, Bob and Gunhild Ladouceur and Albin and Wanda Markstedt.

Their first official act was the installation of Nordsjerman Lodge officers on Jan. 9. The team is looking forward to performing installations in their own lodge on Jan. 28.

The lodge wishes to thank a small group of ladies, namely: Alice Evanson, Helga Hayem, Darlene Pearson, Goody Pearson, Toots Pearson and Wanda Markstedt. They sewed all the attractive blue and yellow capes for the team. Thanks also to Jo Ann Markstedt who sewed on all the hooks and eyes.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kvarnberg recently had a pleasant surprise visit by Frank and Signe Carlson of Kelowna, B.C.

Best wishes and a speedy recovery go out to Fred Hamilton who has undergone surgery at the University Hospital. Also to Algot Pearson who is sporting a cast on his ankle due to a fracture.

Vasa curling continues every Wednesday at Calmar for all interested members.

Alf and Helga Hayem were happy to have their son, Eldon, and

his wife and family, with them during the holidays.

Eric Kvarnberg spent Boxing Day with his sister and her family, the T. Buchanans, in Edmonton.

Alf Hayem reports good fishing at Pigeon Lake. In spite of the extremely cold weather this winter Alf does not miss a "pull". Harry Hanson accompanied Alf on a trip to Buck Lake last week and the results were also very satisfactory.

"Bon Voyage" to Tony and Pat Lefsrud who left on Jan. 12 for a month's holiday in South America.

LEFT TOWN



DOREEN AND PETER JOACHIM

Peter, Doreen and daughter, Debby Joachim have left Edmonton for Toronto. Peter has taken a new position with the Ontario Government Hospital Services. Doreen is planning to continue her singing career and studies. The young couple were entertained at a going-away party at the Scandinavian Centre by the Saga Singers

of the Icelandic Society on Jan. 17.

FINNISH SOCIETY



By Anne Sahuri

"My sincere thanks to Finnish Society and to all my friends who sent me flowers and cards and who visited me during my recent stay in hospital."

— Maria Utunen

A surprise bridal shower was held recently in honor of Miss Ritva Salomaa at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. Kujala. Many friends came to wish happiness to Ritva who received many beautiful gifts for her future home.

Speedy recovery to Mr. A. Louste and Mr. O. Virtanen who were hospitalized recently.

Pastor A. Lepisto was in Edmonton shortly after Christmas and a Christmas service was held in Finnish at the Augustana Lutheran Church. Ladies had prepared coffee and sandwiches for an informal gathering after the service. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Lauri Kuusela who had arranged a dinner at their home for the same evening with about 50 persons attending.

"Welcome home" greetings go out to Mrs. Auli Erkkila who spent the Christmas holidays in Finland visiting friends and relatives.

Father: What! Both jam and peanut butter on your bread! When I was a boy I was lucky to have either one.

Son: Aren't you lucky to be living with us now.

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DANIA DOINGS



By Vera Nielsen

Saturday, January 9th, "DANIA" heralded in the New Year with its annual New Year Party, in spite of cold weather and tight money, 250 people gathered around the tables loaded with more than 500 open faced "ERIKA" sandwiches and pickled herrings, with Beer and Snaps to send it on its way. It produced an atmosphere of happiness and enjoyment, clearly shown at 8:30, when the orchestra, from Red Deer, arrived and was received with a tremendous ovation.

The merriment continued through the evening with the dance floor filled to capacity at every dance. Thank You. Hope to see you all again at another dance.

What about the "Karneval" Friday, February 12? Have you got your costume yet? If not get a party together and come as you will have lots of fun then. As usual there will be good prizes. There will be judges to determine who will be the lucky ones. So please come! We are sure you will enjoy yourself.

Wednesday, February 10th, will be the next Whistdrive. Remember this date. January was well attended even if it was a very cold night.

"Bestyrelsen" would like it if, when you come to a Dance, you show your membership card for 1971. After all, that is what you get a card for, so please remember, have it ready to show.

If you want to step back into the twelfth century to medieval times, see the Walterdale production of

News From The Danish Church

By Pastor O. Filtenborg

Baptismal —

Kristen Robert Allen, son of Bob Allen and Dorothe nee Vintrup.

Weddings —

Bert Melse and Edith Jacobsen, both of Leduc.

Myra Kelly and Palle Landsperg, both of Edmonton.

Funerals —

Mrs. Anna Pedersen. Honoured be her memory.

BINGO —

Ansgar Men's Club are planning a supper and bingo evening again. This annual event will be held at the Scandinavian Centre together with the Danish Young Women's Club. The date is March 26, so reserve this date by marking your calendar, so you won't forget this important date.

Different people have expressed the wish that we have more meetings for all and not just for the special groups of the church. There-

fore we have started to have "Family Evenings". These meetings shall be open for new ideas, such as entertainment in the form of music and singing or reading, discussions and singing together. At the two evenings already held the topic for discussion was "Why do I go to church" and "The Sermon". The meeting in February will be Friday the 5th.

How to Kill an Idea

Here are eight sure fire ways to kill a new idea. At the next meeting of your organization, watch how quickly one or more of the following statements snuff out what might have been a good idea:

1. "We tried that once before."
2. "It's too costly."
3. "We've never done it that way."
4. "That's not our responsibility."
5. "We're not ready for that."
6. "We're doing all right without it."
7. "It won't work."
8. "Are you sure?"

Niels Stensen, the Danish anatomist and medical discoverer was born in 1638 and died in 1687.

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